

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [1001] with the following amended paragraph:

[1001] This application is related to co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/664,121 ~~xx/xxx,xxx~~
(Attorney Docket No. 004-9183) by Toshinari Takayanagi, entitled “Negative Bias Temperature
Instability (NBTI) Hardened Sense Amplifier Circuit and Method Therefor,” filed on
September 17, 2003 ~~even date herewith~~, which application is hereby incorporated by reference in
its entirety.